

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A dielectric recording medium comprising:
a substrate;
an electrode disposed on the substrate; and
a dielectric material disposed on the electrode, wherein
the dielectric recording medium is disk-shaped,
the dielectric material is divided into an inner area, an outer area and a data area,
the inner area and the outer area have respective predetermined widths,
the data area is located between the inner area and the outer area, and
polarization directions of each of the inner area and the outer area are set in the opposite
direction to a polarization direction of the data area.

Claims 26-33 (Canceled).